

Appl. No.: 09/916,536

Amdt. Dated: 9/9/03

Reply to Office Action of: 6/9/03

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-10, 12-23, 25-34 and 36-46 remain in this application. Claims 3, 11, 24 and 35 have been canceled. Applicant believes that no new matter is added to the application as part of this response.

1. Amendments

Claims 1, 22 and 39 have been amended to recite that the curable coating composition comprises 20-80% of at least one terminally acrylated oligomer comprising a poly(propylene glycol) containing polyol soft block having a number average molecular weight of more than about 4000 Daltons, and 20-80% of a propylene oxide containing monofunctional acrylate monomer. Support for this amendment appears in the specification as filed at page 8, line 28 – page 9, line 17.

Claims 12 and 33 have been amended to delete the recitation of "propylene oxide ethoxylated oxides."

Claim 46 has been rewritten to more clearly recite the Markush group.

2. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 7-24 and 28-46 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as not being enabled by the specification.

Claims 3, 11, 24 and 35 have been canceled, rendering moot the Examiner's rejections thereof.

Claims 1-2, 7-10, 12-23, 28-34 and 36-46 have been rewritten to recite that the curable coating composition comprises 20-80% of at least one terminally acrylated oligomer comprising a poly(propylene glycol) containing polyol soft block having a number average molecular weight of more than about 4000 Daltons, and 20-80% of a propylene oxide containing monofunctional acrylate monomer.

While particular capping agents and diisocyanates are used to make the oligomers in the Examples of the present specification, Applicant submits that only routine experimentation would be necessary for the skilled artisan to substitute other capping agents and diisocyanates in conjunction with poly(propylene glycol)